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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report -- September 1955

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 30 September was [REDACTED]

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2. An Inspector-General team consisting of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] began a survey of the Division on 15 September. [REDACTED] subsequently left the team. The survey was still in process at the end of the month.

3. Chief, FDD, briefed the Director of Training and OTR Division and branch chiefs on FDD mission and operations.

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5. Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., new AD/SI, was briefed by Chief, FDD, and Chief Scientific and Technical Branch, on FDD operations, and especially on FDD exploitation of scientific and technical publications.

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6. On 27 September, Chief, FDD, gave a general briefing on FDD to [REDACTED] particularly as pertaining to the exploitation of Chinese publications.

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7. As a further result of the classification survey conducted by [REDACTED] Position Evaluation Division, OP, the secretarial position in Scientific and Technical Branch was raised from GS-5 to GS-6 and the clerk-typist position in Screening Section, Reports Branch, was raised from GS-4 to GS-5, thus bringing these positions into line with general practice in the DD/I area.

8. One Russian and one German linguist were transferred to DD/P-Staff D for Project [REDACTED]

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9. The English refresher course under [REDACTED] was resumed on 22 September. Eleven of the original 13 students are participating.

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10. A visit to Records Center by the FDD Area Records Officer revealed that a considerable number of FDD deposits had been disseminated into general reference shelves of OCR. Action was taken to correct this.

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11. [REDACTED] Special Assistant to the Chief, Printing Services Division, LO, conferred with FDD officers regarding FDD's reproduction and space needs in the projected new CIA building.

12. Through the cooperation of OO/C, FDD has made contact with a Tibetan-English translator. This promises to increase the FDD contract potential, previously lacking, in this language.

OPERATIONS

1. The 54th and 55th meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held on 9 and 23 September, respectively. It was agreed that the Subcommittee resume the biweekly meeting schedule. It was further agreed that a second program review be conducted using as a guide two collated statements prepared by FDD, namely, a) Subject Categories not now being Covered but which are Desired, and b) Current Program Coverage Keyed to DCID 4/4. The programs on the USSR and the East European Satellites will be considered at the next meeting scheduled for 7 October.

2. The first issue of a new scheduled report was published during the month, "Semianual Report on Retail Trade in the USSR" (Summary).

3. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 52 cases of duplication totaling 1252 pages.

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4. Arrangements have been made for [REDACTED] to work at NSA every other Wednesday for an indefinite period on a special project.

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7. Commendations:

25X1A From Acting Chief, Scientific Resources Division, OSI, to [REDACTED] for valuable assistance over a period of two years in support of SRD projects.

From South Asia Branch, Near East/Africa Division, OCI, for scheduled reporting in the "Monthly Information Report on Afghanistan."

From Chief, Industrial Division, OIR, for the scheduled "Weekly Information Report on Communist China" and other current FDD publications relating to this area.

8. Liaison activities:

Department of the Air Force

With APOIN, Major Howard G. Neumann, to explore possibilities of reducing duplication in the exploitation of East European foreign-language documents.

Department of State

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. Selig Tammenblatt, to clarify an OIR requirement.

U.S. Information Agency

25X1A To acquaint an IRI representative, Mr. Bryan Battey, with FDD operations, particularly the work being done on [REDACTED]

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To furnish information on FDD coverage of Soviet military information and to acquaint the representative, [REDACTED] with the CTS facility.

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9. Special services rendered: 25X1A

DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, [REDACTED] worked two weeks on a document survey project on [REDACTED] 25X1A

Also for RQM/OIS, numerous items were reported in a survey on local world (non-Bloc) reaction to the Moral Rearmament show "The Vanishing Island." 25X1A

OIR -- Several intelligence, psychological, and vocational guidance tests were translated from English into Russian by [REDACTED]

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OCR -- For Graphics Register, Chinese films were monitored.

10. Significant reports:

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[REDACTED] Presents data on a disease of great importance (nephroso-nephritis).

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[REDACTED] "Review of First Eight Issues of 'Referativnyy Zhurnal -- Geologiya-Geografiya'" (Evaluates usefulness of a new Soviet abstract journal).

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